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September 12, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE
AGREEMENTS THAT IMPLEMENT BOARD ACTION APPROVING CERTAIN
PROGRAMS OF THE HOMELESS AND HOUSING PROGRAM FUND OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOMELESS PREVENTION INITIATIVE**

(ALL AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to prepare and execute agreements and/or Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs), needed to implement: the Beyond Shelter Skid Row Family Demonstration Project; funding for Year-Round Overnight Emergency Shelter Program; the City of Santa Monica Homeless Community Court Pilot; the Access to Housing for Health Pilot Project; and funding support to the Weingart Center, as approved by your Board during Budget Deliberations on June 26, 2006. The estimated annual cost in Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07 is \$5.9 million and will be funded by County General Funds. Adequate funding is included in the FY 2006-07 Adopted Budget.
2. Delegate authority to the CAO to execute amendments to the agreements and/or MOUs which either makes technical changes as may be needed to implement the funded programs and/or increase or decrease the maximum agreement/MOU amount by no more than 10 percent provided sufficient funding is available. The approval from County Counsel will be obtained prior to executing any such amendments.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

On April 4, 2006, your Board approved the Homeless Prevention Initiative (HPI) which included \$80 million in one-time only County General Funds to establish the Homeless and Housing Program Fund (HHPF). On June 26, 2006, your Board took action to fund five specific programs with a portion of the HHPF and instructed my office to work in collaboration with a number of County departments and private partners to implement the approved programs. These programs include:

- *Beyond Shelter Skid Row Family Demonstration Project* – A twelve (12) month demonstration project that will ensure 500 Skid Row homeless families will be screened and assessed and relocated outside the Skid Row area of downtown Los Angeles - \$2 million
- *Year-Round Shelter* – The Year-Round Overnight Emergency Shelter Program provides 996 beds each night. This funding will be used to leverage \$4.9 million from the City - \$1 million
- *City of Santa Monica Homeless Community Court Pilot* – The Court Pilot will use the criminal justice system as a component of the continuum of care and as a mechanism to link persons to services - \$540,000
- *Access to Housing for Health Pilot Project* – The Department of Health Services (DHS) pilot will provide temporary motel vouchers, first and last month's rent, housing location services, and case management services for homeless patients discharged from County hospitals who are eligible to receive one of 100 Section 8 vouchers provided by the Housing Authorities of the County and the City of Los Angeles or one of the 15 public housing units - \$1.5 million *enrollment of participants is anticipated to begin November 2006.*
- *Weingart Center* – This funding will allow the Center to continue operations of its 10 residential programs, with a housing capacity of up to 650, for a period of six to nine months while they try to secure additional funding - \$900,000 (see below).

Supervisor Antonovich's motion to provide \$900,000 to the Weingart Center was amended by Supervisor Yaroslavsky to instruct my office to appropriate \$450,000 now and revisit this issue in September. In the meantime, your Board instructed my office to meet and negotiate with the City to determine if they can match this funding. In order to understand the Weingart Center's funding, my staff met with the President and CEO of

the Center on July 28, 2006 to review their funding. We have also discussed the Weingart Center funding situation with Mayor Villaraigosa's staff. Through both of these contacts, we have learned that the City of Los Angeles currently contributes \$1.9 million to the Center and has contributed this amount to the Weingart Center for a number of years. Based on the City's current and ongoing contribution to Weingart, we have included the full \$900,000 in this request.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the County Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Service Excellence, Goal 4, Fiscal Responsibility and Goal 5, Children and Families Well-Being. Board approval will enhance service delivery and support the County's efforts to address the needs of children and families while reducing the costs associated with inappropriate services to the homeless population.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated cost of \$5.9 million for services included in the agreements and/or MOUs' identified in the purpose and justification section will be funded from the \$80 million in one-time only County General Funds your Board approved as part of the HPI on April 4, 2006. On June 26, 2006, your Board took action to fund these five specific programs with a portion of the \$80 million in one-time only funding. Funding for these services has been included in the HHPF FY 2006-07 Adopted Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Due to many dynamic factors, Los Angeles County is experiencing a significant homeless crisis. In response to the crisis, your Board directed the CAO in partnership with County departments to develop homeless prevention initiatives to reduce and prevent homelessness. The implementation and funding of the programs identified above will address some of the overarching factors that contribute to the homeless crisis which include a lack of permanent and/or affordable housing, legal and mental health issues, and insufficient resources and funding to help clients achieve and sustain self sufficiency.

To implement your Board's actions on June 26, 2006, it is necessary at this time to execute agreements and/or MOUs with the following public and private agencies:

Beyond Shelter Skid Row Family Demonstration Project

Contractor: Beyond Shelter
Term: Twelve months
Contract Sum: \$2 million

Year-Round Shelter

Contractor: Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority
Term: Twelve months
Contract Sum: \$1 million

City of Santa Monica Homeless Community Court Pilot

Contractor: City of Santa Monica
Term: Twelve months
Contract Sum: \$540,000

Note: The Santa Monica Homeless/Community Court Pilot will require an additional \$40,000, for a total of \$540,000, to fund Superior Court costs.

Weingart Center

Contractor: Weingart Center
Term: Nine Months
Contract Sum: \$900,000

Access to Housing for Health Pilot Project

A departmental service order between the CAO and DHS will be processed to implement the Access to Housing for Health Pilot Project. The Department of Health Services will return to your Board at a later date for authority to enter into the agreement with the Contractor for case management and administrative oversight of the Access to Housing for Health Pilot Project.

In conjunction with County Counsel and Auditor-Controller, CAO will prepare and execute the above agreements and/or MOUs, as well as any other agreements and/or MOUs, necessary to implement the five programs approved by your Board during Budget Deliberations on June 26, 2006.

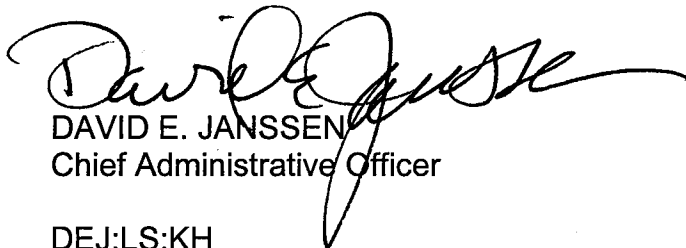
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The approval of the recommended actions will allow the CAO to implement and fund the projects and programs approved by your Board on June 26, 2006, which will better serve the County's homeless population by moving families and individuals off the streets. Approval will also result in cost reductions related to emergency room visits and incarceration of persons with mental illness and/or substance abuse issues. As these programs are implemented, my office will work with the participating County departments, non-profit contractors, Superior Court and the City of Santa Monica, to ensure the pilot projects and programs achieve the homeless reduction/prevention goals of the HPI by developing outcome measures that will clearly demonstrate how well the programs are achieving their intended results.

CONCLUSION

Your Board's approval of the HPI, represents a historical, unprecedented effort to reduce and prevent homelessness in Los Angeles County. Implementation of the programs identified above will help Los Angeles County's public agency partners, nonprofit homeless services providers and County departments begin to establish what is anticipated to become the Nation's most comprehensive system for preventing homelessness and will move homeless residents, from the streets into safe, permanent, affordable housing.

Respectfully submitted,



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Auditor-Controller
Department of Community and Senior Services
Department of Health Services
Superior Court
Beyond Shelters
City of Santa Monica
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)
Weingart Center